

Present Claims

1. (previously amended) A network of systems of personal and business web cards, comprising a plurality of servers with which users may sign up to keep their contact information and through which the users may search others' contact information, each of said servers having at least a database and a search engine, and having at least one uniform search interface, wherein at least two of said servers are equipped with at least one interface having protocols established to connect with each other, and when a user places a search inquiry at a first server local to the user, the inquiry is simultaneously forwarded to one or more other servers having the same protocols established with the first server so that any search inquiry is performed not only at the first server but also simultaneously at said one or more other servers.
2. (previously amended) A network of system of personal and business web cards, comprising a plurality of servers with which users may sign up to keep their contact information and through which the users may search others' contact information, each of said servers having at least a database and a search engine, and having at least one uniform search interface, wherein one of said servers is pre-assigned as a master server and is equipped with at least one interface having protocols established to connect with said other servers, as slave servers, and the pre-assigned master server is capable of transmitting any search inquiry to one or more designated slave servers.
3. (previously amended) A network of systems according to claim 2, wherein said pre-assigned master server is capable of passing on any updates that a user placed at one of servers to designated servers.
4. (Canceled)

5. (previously amended) A network of systems according to claim 1, wherein said servers communicate with each other through a reciprocal uniform search interface with predetermined protocols between said servers.
6. (original) A network of systems according to claim 5, wherein said predetermined protocols are of a uniform operative language.
7. (original) A network of systems according to claim 5, wherein each of said predetermined protocols is operative at least between two of said servers in consideration of the operative languages of said two servers.
8. (original) A network of systems according to claim 5, wherein said predetermined protocols of said servers are operated in Unicode that has correspondence with other Unicode of different languages.
9. (original) A network of systems according to claim 2, wherein said protocols of the interface are capable of transforming a search inquiry placed in a language into other operative languages and thus transmitting the search inquiry to other servers.
10. (original) A network of systems according to claim 9, wherein said protocols of the interface are capable of transforming a search result into the language corresponding to the language of the search inquiry, and thus transmitting the result back to the server placing the search inquiry.
11. (previously amended) A network of system according to claim 2, wherein said pre-assigned master server has automatic synchronization function to transmit updates to all designated servers whenever an update occurs.

12. (previously amended) A method of managing and controlling a network of systems of personal and business web cards, each of said systems including at least a web card server having at least a search engine and a database, said method comprising:

connecting a plurality of web card servers through the Internet;

establishing at least a protocol between two of said servers to enable communication between them including transmission of search inquiries therebetween;

installing said protocols, respectively, in at least two of said servers that communicate with each other;

identifying said protocol between the servers to establish connection and communication therebetween; and

transmitting any of said search inquiries and web card information between at least two of said connected servers so that any of said search inquiries is simultaneously performed not only at the server where the inquiry is placed, but simultaneously also at least one of the other servers.

13. (previously amended) A method of claim 12, further comprising pre-assigning at least one of said web card servers as master server, and installing said protocols in said pre-assigned master server such that the master server is capable of communicating with all of said servers and transmitting any of said search inquiries and web card information among the servers, including any update of said web card information.

14. (previously amended) A method of claim 12, further comprising pre-assigned one master server for a particular region, and having all of pre-assigned master servers installed with pertinent protocols that enable communication between said master servers and transmission of web card information and search inquiries among said master servers.

15. (original) A method of claim 14, wherein each of said master servers are capable of flashing an update that occurs within a corresponding system of personal information web card, and transmitting such an update to other master servers having designated users, that in turn transmits the update to the designated user so as to synchronize all personal information data files of all designated users.

16. (original) A method of claim 12, wherein said protocol is operative in a uniform Unicode corresponding to Unicode of different languages.

17. (previously added) A network of systems of claim 1, wherein the user can designate, in the inquiry, a particular set of said servers that have protocols established with the first servers.

18. (previously amended) A network of systems of personal and business web cards, comprising:

- a plurality of servers with which users may sign up to keep their contact information and through which the users may search others' contact information,
- each of said servers having at least a database and a search engine, and
- having at least one uniform search interface,

- wherein said servers are divided into groups such that each group comprises a pre-assigned master server and one or more slave servers, and

- within each group the pre-assigned master server is equipped with at least one interface having protocols established to connect with the slave servers within the same group, and is capable of transmitting a search inquiry to one or more designated slave servers, and wherein the pre-assigned master servers are equipped with at least one interface having protocols established to communicate with at least one of the other pre-assigned master servers such that a search inquiry can be transmitted among the master servers.

19. (previously amended) A network of systems of claim 18, wherein each of the pre-assigned master servers is capable of transmitting an update to the slave servers within the same group and other pre-assigned master servers.

20. (previously added) A network of systems according to claim 18, wherein said servers communicate with each other through a reciprocal uniform search interface with predetermined protocols between said servers.

21. (previously added) A network of systems according to claim 20, wherein said predetermined protocols are of a uniform operative language.

22. (previously added) A network of systems according to claim 20, wherein each of said predetermined protocols is operative at least between two of said servers in consideration of the operative languages of said two servers.

23. (previously added) A network of systems according to claim 20, wherein said predetermined protocols of said servers are operated in Unicode that has correspondence with other Unicode of different languages.

24. (previously added) A network of systems according to claim 20, wherein said protocols of the interface are capable of transforming a search inquiry placed in a language into other operative languages and thus transmitting the search inquiry to other servers.

25. (previously added) A network of systems according to claim 20, wherein said protocols of the interface are capable of transforming a search result into the language corresponding to the language of the search inquiry, and thus transmitting the result back to the server placing the search inquiry.